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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment
Advancement

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A TUITION WAIVER FOR VOLUNTEER FIRST
RESPONDERS ATTENDING COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) section 10a-77 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2008*):

4 (d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition at any
5 of the regional community-technical colleges (1) for any dependent
6 child of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has
7 declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war
8 while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child
9 has been accepted for admission to such institution and is a resident of
10 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to such
11 institution, (2) for any veteran having served in time of war, as defined
12 in subsection (a) of section 27-103, or who served in either a combat or
13 combat support role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to
14 December 15, 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20, 1989, to
15 January 31, 1990, or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September

16 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984, who has been accepted for admission to
17 such institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran
18 is accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any resident of
19 Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older, provided, at the end of the
20 regular registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient
21 number of students other than those persons eligible for waivers
22 pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which such person
23 intends to enroll and there is space available in such course after
24 accommodating all such students, (4) for any student attending the
25 Connecticut State Police Academy who is enrolled in a law
26 enforcement program at said academy offered in coordination with a
27 regional community-technical college which accredits courses taken in
28 such program, (5) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or
29 Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant
30 General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good
31 standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to
32 such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate
33 degree-granting program, (6) for any dependent child of a (A) police
34 officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary
35 police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of
36 a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state
37 employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (7) for
38 any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse
39 of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of this state, [and] (8)
40 for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in a
41 multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and
42 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9) for any member of a
43 volunteer organization, as defined in section 28-14a, or any dependent
44 child of a deceased member of such a volunteer organization, who
45 died in the course of performing duties for such volunteer
46 organization. If any person who receives a tuition waiver in
47 accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives
48 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be
49 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans

50 described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the
51 National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be
52 given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in
53 registering for courses at regional community-technical colleges.
54 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this
55 subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one
56 year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2008	(d) 10a-77
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Statement of Purpose:

To provide tuition waivers for volunteer first responders at community-technical colleges.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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